Introductory sentence:

The poem “title” uses a (type: narrative, lyric, dramatic, elegy, etc), (form type: closed, open, stanzas), to express (theme)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the speaker’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(plot context).



Now explain how the poet does this



The first stanza presents the speaker’s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(dilemma, conflict, etc). He…



Discuss the second stanza, third, fourth, & final



Next discuss the use of rhyme, diction, tone, (see Dickinson notes to help further) and how these contribute to the overall theme.



Your main goal is to connect the uses of literary devices to a purpose…why does the author use the literary devices and how do they contribute to meaning. A poet doesn’t just use devices, there is a purpose for them and the reader (you) have to figure out the meaning.

